

## North Carolina Read to Achieve Test

General Statute §115C-83.1G says that the State Board of Education (SBE) “shall require that a student be retained in the third grade if the student fails to demonstrate reading proficiency appropriate for a third-grade student as demonstrated on a State-approved standardized test of reading comprehension administered to third-grade students” (e.g., end-of-grade test of reading comprehension). In support of North Carolina’s Read to Achieve requirements, the Read to Achieve Test was developed to measure third-grade reading comprehension. The Read to Achieve Test may be administered to eligible students who have not yet met the third-grade reading promotion standard following the administration of the grade 3 End-of-Grade (EOG) English Language Arts (ELA)/Reading Test, after a student’s participation in reading camp, or before the November 1 mid-year promotion. The Read to Achieve Test was first available during for spring 2014 test administrations. Refer to the NC Read to Achieve LiveBinder (<http://www.livebinders.com/play/play/850102?tabid=58d80041-c494-cdef-4253-1695bc14f5d8>) for additional information about the NC Read to Achieve legislation, teacher and parent resources, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Refer to the Test Specifications for additional information about the assessment <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/readtoachieve>.

For the 2014 administrations, the student-level report was binary with respect to whether the student met the achievement proficiency standard (i.e., Level 3). In January 2015, the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted college-and-career readiness Academic Achievement Standards for the Read to Achieve Test (i.e., GCS-C-033). These Levels align with the End-of-Grade 3 English Language Arts/Reading achievement standards. Effective with the spring 2015 test administrations, the State will report five levels for the Read to Achieve Test as follows:

Subject	Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Read to Achieve Test	3	≤ 431	432-438	439-441	442-451	≥452

Achievement Level	Meets On-Grade-Level Proficiency Standard	Meets Career-and-College Readiness Standards
Level 5 denotes Superior Command of knowledge and skills	Yes	Yes
Level 4 denotes Solid Command of knowledge and skills	Yes	Yes
Level 3 denotes Sufficient Command of knowledge and skills	Yes	No
Level 2 denotes Partial Command of knowledge and skills	No	No
Level 1 denotes Limited Command of knowledge and skills	No	No